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FRIDAY MARCH 30

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

Annual Event of the First Presbyterian Church Took Place Last Evening. Several New Officers Elected.

The annual congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian Church was held last evening in the church. The pastor, Rev. R. S. Coulter was made chairman, and Mr. S. Howard Kelly, secretary. Reports were heard from the different organizations within the church, that were very encouraging. Among other interesting items brought out was the fact that since the first of the year the Sunday school had made a new record in attendance.

One society, the Presbyterian Women's Club, made a splendid financial showing, having contributed more than $480 00 toward the church debt. The treasuer, David Fenton, reported a balance in the treasury of $140.00.

The Session was increased in number rom four to six. Mr. A. H. Todd and Ir. David Fenton were elected to fill the acancies caused by the removal of Dr. fazlett to California, Pa., and the recent eath of Mr. Wm. Lamont. Mr. A. L. rner and Postmaster E. M. Frye were dded to the eldership. Mr. Arner has rved as elder in the First Presbyterian hurch of Adrain, Mich.

Ordination and installation of the elder lect will take place Sabbath morning, nil 8. The other members of the session are Mr. Frank Shirley and Mr. J. loward Kelly, who is also clerk.

Mr. John Swanwick and Mr. J. H. 'att were elected trustees in place of r. Frye and Mr. Fenton, whose terms xpired. Mr. John C. Shirley was elected place of Prof. R W. Himelick, resigned. The other members of the board of rustees are Dr. F. P. Cook, Mr. H D. cCabe and Dr. W. M. Bigger. Mr. ary Hayden, Mr. A. N. Shuster and r. J. A. Black were elected auditors. r. John Swanwick was chosen church reasurer. The meeting closed with a rief time. Light refreshments were rved.

Will Likely Reorganize.

A movement is now on foot whereby e Monongahela Valley League of base ll teams, which proved such a success- l venture last season, may be re-organ- ed. A meeting will take place in Charl oi on the evening of April 5, at which ne representatives are expected to be esent from Brownsville, California, lle Vernon, Charleroi, Donora and onongahela. Action will likely be ken towards placing teams in their spective towns for the coming season. e league as outlined above would make trong combination with easy jumps, aving down traveling expenses, and as the town mentioned have good ld grounds there is no reason why the ganization should not prove successful.

PREPARING FOR EXAMINATIONS.

unty Superintendant Shaw Will Begin early in April.

County superintendant R. C. Shaw is aking preparations for the teachers exaations which will begin early in ril. The examinations for professional ificates will be held April 14. Pers receiving a recomendations from the erintendant are eliable to enter this s. The examinations for provisional ificates will commence in June. xaminations will be held in Greens- June 14, July 13 27, August 31.

he gun of N. Cook, for which the ets have been sold, will be raffled off nday night, April 2nd, at 7:30 o'clock he barber shop, corner Ninth and ner avenue.

INTERESTING NEWS

Gathered by Our Reporters in Monessen and Vicinity.

H. Cramer is in Pittsburg today on a business errand.

Are there any toilet goods that you need? Let us supply them—Kirk's Drug Store.

P. Amann is a business visitor to the Smoky City today.

Geo. Warman is transacting business in Pittsburg today.

Dr. Barben, Dentist — Teeth exeracted by air or gas and full set of teeth $10 00

John Anderson was visiting his parents at Pittsburg yesterday.

John Treecher was calling on friends in Belle Vernon last evening.

We have some splendid values in sponges at prices from 5c to $1.50—Kirk's Drug store.

J. P. Speilman is looking after business matters in Monongahela today.

Mrs. Mike Monohan is visiting her parents in Uniontown for a few days.

Look over our new line of combs and hair brushes — the very best makes. Prices to suit any sized pocket book—Kirk's Drug store.

Wm. Frantz, of Frantz & Boyd, was a business visitor in Pittsburg today.

Mrs. A. R. Wilson and daughter, Miss Dorothy Elliot were shopping in Pittsburg today.

Best paints, varnishes, glass and hardware at the People's Lumber Co.

Wm. Hilemen was in Duquesne today attending the funeral of his niece, Miss Florence Newmyer.

Mrs. C. W. Coller, Mrs. John Prather and Miss Melzie Sibbit are among the day's shoppers in Pittsburg.

High grade material, delivered promptly by the People's Lumber Co.

The Apollo Chocolate candy—the candy that's different—60c a pound at Kirk's Drug store.

J. C. Chamber and E. H. Himlick left today for Indiana where they will make their future residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Christ Henry yesterday attended the funeral of Geo. Miller, a friend, which took place in Pittsburg.

Tickets on sale now, for Donnelly & Hatfield Minstrels, at White's Book Store.

Hot Spring's Blood Remedy makes you eat right, feel right and act right—LIGHT sells it.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Greer were passengers on the early train to Pittsburg. Mrs. Greer will remain a few days with friends.

M. A. Seanor, proprietor of the Victoria hotel, left today for Franklin, Venango county, where his wife is reported seriously ill.

Life like portraits painted in oil, any size, durable and cheap. A. Davenport, 301 Sixth street.

Joseph T. Kiesler returned home in Chicora after a few weeks spent with his nephew Ray Litzinger, of the Litzinger Pharmacy.

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Mrs. R. G. Stanley left this afternoon for McKeesport, where she will spend a few days with her mother, who is slightly indisposed.

"Donnelly & Hatfield Minstrels" at the opera house tomorrow night. The next attraction is "The Fatal Wedding" Wednesday evening, April 4.

Chris Fohl left this morning for Pittsburg, and will bring his wife, who has been an inmate of the Mercy hospital for some time, home this evening.

Baby's Friend—We're a good friend to the little fellow—we keep everything he needs—LIGHT'S DRUG STORE.

Mrs. R. V. Parshall went to Pittsburg this morning, where she will visit her husband, Dr. R. V. Parshall, who is slowly improving at the St. Francis hospital.

LAND SLIDE DELAYS TRAINS.

Hill Lets Go at Washington Mine Near Fayette City, Holding up Trains Several Hours.

A landslide on the P. & L. E. Railroad took place at the Washington mines just above Fayette City this morning about 5:00 o'clock. Tons of earth loosened by the recent thaws and rains came tumbling down burying the tracks many feet. A large force of men were put to work as soon as possible and by 9:15 had succeeded in clearing the track sufficently to permit of traffic being resumed. The morning train due here at 6:34 did not arrive until 9:30 and much inconvenience was cause the early passengers who were compelled to patiently await the cleaning of the tracks. Many forcibly expressed their disgust at things in general and a disagreeable drizzling rain added none to relieve the feelings of the unfortunate waiters.

AT THE THEATRE.

Theatre goers of this city will have an opportunity to see the Donnelly & Hatfield Magnificent minstrels at the opera house tomorrow evening. This company is under the personal direction of Al. G. Field. Flattering reports have preceded this minstrel show into this city. Capacity business has been done in all the leading cities in the country and the heavy advance sale here is indication of a packed house.

It is said the first part is as refreshing as a dip into salt water. It is a tonic and with the conclusion of its melody and its merriment and its lights and shades, for the first part is said to be done in as many colors as a chameleon's coat, the minds of the audience have been soothed and the general verdict is that Messrs. Donnelly & Hatfield have given to the public a necessity.

The olio is said to be rich in specialties Each act is touched with humor in sympathy with the keynote sounded in the first part Crawford and Finning are said to do a musical act different from anything of its type. It is serio-comic and passes with snap.

Many feature acts are on the program. One of the entertaining acts is the Darktown Circus, a burlesque upon the most popular of America's amusements, the circus. While one can count five the audience is introduced to all of the accessories and atmosphere that go to make a tyical one ring circus. The entire company of forty people take part in this scene. The setting is both gorgeous and realistic. This act is relieved by the Toledos, impersonators of animals, reptiles and amphipious monsters. They give feats of contortion and acrobatic agility.

"Where The Moonlight Falls" shows a miniature landscape with a full moon and rippling waters, where a company of darkies gather and do a series of dances. There is a monologue by Tommy Donnelly, and the Tuscano Brothers, Roman Axe Manipulators, will make their first American appearance with this company. These gentlemen balance, throw and juggle rude Roman axes.

Entertained at Euchre.

The Euchre Club met and were entertained at the home of Mrs. C. M. Lamb on McKee avenue last evening. Several out of town guests were present. Mrs. Morton, of Dravosburg, was the guest of Honor. The parlors were beautifully and tastefully decorated and all together an exceptionally pleasant evening was spent. A most delicious lunch was also served.

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Donora Man Arrested at Homestead.

Harvey Lowry, of Donora, was arrested in Homestead yesterday by Chief of Police John Lamb and was taken to New Kensington last night where he is wanted on a charge of Larceny. The Homestead police have been looking for him for several months and yesterday received word that he had broken jail at Donora and started to Homestead. He was arrested in the act of leaving the train.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Miss Manda Mackey saleslady at the Drygoods Store of C. Pottion Sixth Street is in Pittsburg today on business. Miss Mackey will go from there to Youngstown and will return home tomorrow evening.

Mrs. Chester Amos, of Bedford, Pa., and Mrs. David Snowberger, of Altoona, who have been spending the past week with the formers sister, Mrs. G. C. Diehl, left this morning for home. Mrs. Diehl accompanied them as far as Pittsburg.

The local merchants are busily preparing for the coming Easter display. Already the majority of the show windows have been beautifully and tastefully dressed which gives a very pleasing appearance to the passerby.

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Value $1.50 Skirts go for 98c
Value $2 Waists go for $1.25
Value $1.50 Waists go for 98c
Value $1.25 Waists go for 75c
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Ladies fine Corsets 25c
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The Gomeras talk in a singsong, and their whistle language reproduces the spoken one's intonations. For instance, children all over America have a taunting cry:

"Hiss for shame,
Hiss for shame,
Everybody knows your name!"

This cry is not sung. It is intoned. And so the Gomeras intone their guttural language. It would be quite easy to whistle the "Hiss for shame" cry. So it is quite easy to whistle the Gomeras' singsong language.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Beyond the Limit.

"I don't mind folks borrowing," said Miss Hodges plaintively to an old friend who was paying her a visit, "but I've got an awful trying woman for a neighbor just now. She borrows such queer things I'm most out of patience with her."

"Shears and brooms and the flour sifter and ironing board, I s'pose," said the guest, who had known life in a country town.

"Mercy me, I don't count such things!" said Miss Hodges. "Nor my best umbrella nor my carving knife. I can make shift to get on without them for awhile any time. But when she come over to borrow my diary the other day so's she could keep account of the weather and her hens' eggs and so on till her husband came back from California, she having given him hers to put down his expenses and sights in, so's she could copy her record in from my book in the right place—I declare, I called it the cap sheaf!"—Youth's Companion.

Take a Fresh Start.

As the horses trot down to the wire in a long, struggling line a race official bangs a bell and the whole field turns and goes back to try again. A fresh start is necessary. But it is not only on the race tracks that fresh starts are essential to the achievement of results. There are countless instances of business firms taking fresh starts after visitations of misfortune. Individuals without number daily turn their backs upon discouragements of the past and take a fresh start. The man who fails is he who is unwilling to do battle over again. An individual suffers everlasting failure if, when confronted by obstacles, he refuses to gird up his loins and take a fresh start. Fresh starts are the foes of sluggishness and laziness and the guarantee of a brighter success than could be possible without them.—Baltimore Herald.

Her Method of Darning.

"The worst case of a henpecked man I ever saw," said the traveling man, "is up in my little native place among the Berkshire hills. The hen in this case is a smart woman who runs a farm and keeps everything shipshape except her husband. She is content to let him get along in any old fashion, so long as he does not interfere with her work. One day he asked her apologetically if she wouldn't darn at least one pair of his stockings, for every pair he owned had holes.

"She gave him a crushing glance and said, 'If every pair has holes, wear two pairs, and the good places in one will cover the holes in the other.' And she made him do it too."—New York Press.

Mexico's Fans.

In Mexico fans were used long before the conquest, and when Montezuma heard that the Spaniards had landed and were about to visit him he sent for goldsmiths and lapidaries and ordered, among other gifts which were to be offered to Cortes, two feather fans ornamented with a sun and moon of highly polished gold. Like the Japanese and other ancient nations, the Aztecs evidently considered the fan an emblem of authority, for they generally placed it in the hands of Ometeuctli, god of paradise, and of Totec, the military disciple of Quetzalcohuatl.

Not Unlucky.

'Arry—I've brought yer a ring, 'Arriet. Ain't it a beauty? 'Arriet—Why, it's a opal, 'Arry, and opals is awful onlucky, so they ses. 'Arry—You needn't worry yerself over that, cos it ain't a real un.—London Express.

Poetic.

Diderot, the French poet, once said, "He who would write of women should dip his pen in rainbow dye and powder his lines with gold dust from butterflies' wings."

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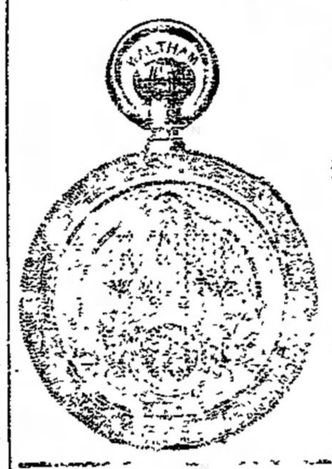

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His Magic Housekeeper

By BELLE MANIATES

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A week from the day on which the bells in the old church tower tolled the death of the parents of John Lester his spacious farmhouse burned to the ground. He built a temporary home out of sight of the charred ruins of the old home. In the heart of the woods near the bank of the river that ran swift and deep in boundary to his farm he took up his abode. He kept his hearth in hermit fashion, but he was not as proficient in housekeeping duties as in the tilling of his soil, and it was now the season of planting time.

Stories most distressing to the kindly country folk were told of his making a clean sweep occasionally through his house, the accumulations landing on the back door step or vanishing through cracks of the floor; also of a weekly washing of dishes and a pork and potato diet.

They hospitably opened their doors and their services to the sole survivor of the Lester household, but he had a way of drawing about himself the magic circle which no one ventured to cross.

He was too busy through the day and too tired at night to feel lonely. There was a supreme reason why John preferred his solitary life.

One night when he came home from the fields he paused on his threshold and stared in amazement at the transformation wrought. His camping out place had become a cozy little home. Everything, from the sanded floor to the tinware on the pine table, was as spotlessly clean and white as soap and water could make it. At the windows were dainty muslin curtains. The table, spread with a snowy white cloth, was set for his supper. A loaf of homemade bread and a flower stamped pat of golden butter added their touch of domesticity.

In a haze of wonder John mechanically filled the kettle, lighted the fire and prepared his evening meal. Then he went into the adjoining room. This, too, had been touched with a magic wand and arranged in as orderly a fashion as a hospital ward—the windows curtained in muslin, the bed covered with a spread and a little silk lined workbasket adorned the table.

When he sat down to supper he was scarcely conscious of what he ate. In kaleidoscopic procession there passed through his recollection his mother's friends and neighbors; but, though the house cleaning and the bread and butter might suggest the buxom matrons of his acquaintance, it was some way borne in upon his slow working brain that the other things were the handiwork of a maiden. Even if the white curtains could be possibly charged up to one of the simple farm wives, there was still that workbasket lined in delicate blue to refute the theory. No! The workbasket would have convinced any jury, as it did John, that a young woman—one with a dormant shade of coquetry—had entered his home that day.

The white curtains and the blue lined basket would adjust themselves to but one person, and that one he feared it could not have been. Buried in his memory was the love of one woman, who had said him nay.

He roused himself from his speculations.

"Whoever it is," he thought grimly, "will soon be disclosed. The folks about here are not the kind that hide their light under a bushel."

He looked dubiously at the supper table. It seemed to him that he was under obligations to restore things to the order in which he had found them. Clumsily he washed the dishes and set the room to rights, half angry with himself for doing so.

"They'll be leaving me a kitchen apron and a dish towel next," he thought sheepishly.

In the vapory veil of smoke that floated upward from his evening pipe he saw a vision of a hearth and home presided over by a goddess, young and fair. But his pipe went out, and he awoke from his dreams.

The early dawn, with the sounds of chorning, found John sturdy and practical again; yet as he went up and down through the furrows all the gray, sunless day his thoughts eagerly turned to his home going and what the evening would bring forth.

He felt his heartbeats as he lifted the latch. The same order prevailed; the cloth laid for supper and in the center of the little round table was a glass filled with flowers, not the sweet smelling garden flowers nor the stiff blooms of house plants so popular in country homes, but a handful of flowers of the wood.

The week went by, each day spent in hard, eager labor, his thoughts and hopes concentrated on the evening hour. Always he found his little home well kept, the table set with some delicacy, and everywhere was the invisible, invincible touch of a woman's hand.

He might easily have come home unexpectedly by day or lingered in some concealed place to watch for his magic housekeeper, but his chivalry withheld him from seeking to discover the identity of the one who wished to do her good deeds in secret.

Suddenly a bright idea occurred to John. The next morning after breakfast he reset the table for his evening meal, taking pains to make it look as it had each night of the preceding week, even to the flowers, except that two covers were laid and two chairs set at opposite sides of the table. Would she—if it were she—accept the unspoken invitation and all it implied?

When he came home in the late afternoon, a queer little spasm of pain tugged at his heart. Supposing it were not she, after all!

He opened the door. The room was empty, and the table set as he had left it, but there were the same traces of housekeeping. Suddenly he looked at the table and started. By the side of the plate he had set for her was a flower, a wood violet. He had given her a bunch of those blossoms once and shyly told her they were the color of her eyes. This was her answer! All the room—the poor, plain, empty little room—seemed filled with the radiance of the message of the violets.

When the sun had slipped into a gold and crimson setting John made his way through the woods and came out into a meadow. He followed the path that led him into a shaded lane, then through an orchard until he came to the little brown farmhouse—all sweet, homely familiar sights to the man who had been shut out from them for two weary years.

The door stood open, and he went into a long, low room. In the dusky shadows he discerned a slender young figure.

"Jessie!"

Her eyes were quickly raised, and in the blue haze of wistfulness was an expression of appeal. Her lips quivered.

"John!"

"I found your flower, Jessie."

There was no answer.

"Jessie, did you keep my house for me just because you felt sorry for me?"

"N-no."

He came nearer.

"Was it because you care—now? I must know, Jessie."

"I always cared, John, but I didn't know it until I heard how ill kept your house was, and I could not bear that you should be so uncomfortable. I slipped down there every morning through the woods and did the work. They were beautiful days—when I was working for you."

"I'll start out house building tomorrow, dear. We'll have a big one up on the hill. Will you come to it?"

"John!"

After a happy silence she said shyly: "John, is my place still at your table?"

"It is; it always will be now, Jessie."

"Then, John, need we wait? May I come to you in the dear little house where I have been so happy? We can watch the building of the new one together."

Voodoo Worship.

A writer in Chambers' Journal states that the belief in obi, or, as the followers of this fetichism call themselves, obeah, is as rife among the negroes of the West Indies as ever. Though the negro in the Antilles is removed many generations from the original African, it seems that obeah cannot be eradicated. In former days there was such a constant use of poison by those who were of the obeah that the English government in Jamaica did its best to suppress it, but its practices were not discontinued, only concealed. Obeah is pure fetichism, and the rites are at their revolting climax in Dahomey. In Sierra Leone all the old customs and superstitions, despite English influence, hold the natives fast. Voodoo worship, still existing among the Louisiana natives, is the obeah, only with another name, and even the white man will put faith in an absurd rabbit foot. There is with negro conservatism dread of the man or woman who can work obeah. When the colored race has been left to itself, as in Haiti, voodoo worship flourishes. It is by no means a harmless belief, because the obeah hag is skilled in the making of poisons and lives by the sale of them. If the poison administered to a victim causes death it is not murder, according to the negro, but only the influence of a magical spell.

Timepieces.

The earliest contrivance for keeping time was the hourglass, which, of uncertain antiquity, was still employed at the beginning of the present century and indeed is now in use on some reading desks in the English churches. On the pulpit of the queen's chapel at Windsor there is a twenty minute glass, which time the orator for the Sunday is advised not to exceed. The clepsydra, or water clock of the Romans, was invented by Scipio Nasica 158 B. C., and toothed wheels were introduced into these pieces of mechanism by Ctesibius about 140 B. C. The earliest complete clock of which there is certain record was made by a Saracen mechanic in the thirteenth century. The most celebrated clock in the world is that of the cathedral at Strassburg, which tells not only the hour, but the day of the week, the month, the day of the month and the year. It contains a large number of automatons, figures of angels, saints and animals, which appear at regular intervals, and a crowd always assembles at the hour of noon to witness the procession of automatons at that time.

A Cemetery Serenade.

Sounds of music coming from the cemetery in the middle of the night terrified the inhabitants of the Swiss village of Bregenz, near the Austrian frontier. Two gendarmes hid themselves one night behind a tombstone in order to investigate. They saw a young tradesman climb over the cemetery wall, pull a violin from under his coat and, standing over a newly made grave, begin to play the "Bohemian Girl." They listened to the end and then went up to the man, who said he had been playing over the tomb of his bride, who had died the week before. "It was the piece she liked best," he said to the gendarmes, who led him away.

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[Original.]

During the civil war I had been confined as a prisoner in Libby prison, and ten years after being discharged from the United States service I was suddenly seized with a desire to go south and have a look at it. As I was starting an uncle of mine insisted on giving me a letter to an old friend of his, Samuel Porcher, a Richmond merchant.

As soon as I arrived in the former Confederate capital I went down to the river bank and, standing before the old tobacco warehouse that had been my prison, looked up at it with very singular feelings. There on the street level was the door out of which I had passed in broad daylight at the imminent risk of my life and began a journey of intolerable suffering down the James river. As I stood in 1874 looking on the scene of my adventure of 1864 I scarcely realized that I was a free man, permitted to come and go as I liked. Not a uniform was to be seen, business had taken the place of war.

This is how I came to make an attempt at escape: One of the prisoners had secured a loaded revolver, how I never knew except that it was purloined from one of the guards when he was asleep or drunk or who had left it carelessly where it could be pounced upon. It was a dangerous article for a prisoner to have, and it was passed from one to another till it came to me. I was desperate, and, hiding it under my shirt, buttoned my ragged coat around it, hoping that I might find a chance to use it in some desperate move for freedom.

I was confined on the ground floor. At times the door would be left open, a guard pacing back and forth on the pavement before it. At times I would make bold to go to the door and look out, usually to be ordered back. There was one of the sentries whom I especially noticed. He was what I then called an old man of about forty-five and was doubtless a citizen relieving regular troops at guarding prisoners. One day at noon I went to the door and stood looking out. Everybody was at dinner, and I could see no soldier except the oldish sentinel, who I noticed was thinking about something besides his guard duty. It was a crazy thing to do, but my life as a prisoner was a burden to me. I watched the sentinel till he turned to walk with his back to me, then like a flash slipped out the door and ran like a deer to the corner where a street sloped down to the river. As I turned a ball came whizzing past me, and I knew I had been discovered. The sentinel chased me, and, although I was much younger than he, I was weakened by confinement. He caught up with me just as I was getting behind a pile of lumber. I turned and shot him with my revolver. Darting on, I saw a cellar window open and crawled in. Searchers passed my hiding place a dozen times without thinking to enter, and when it was dark I crawled out, dodged along down the river bank, found a boat and floated on the bosom of the historic James. How I reached Old Point Comfort and our ships would make a story of itself.

After inspecting Libby I presented my letter of introduction to Mr. Porcher. Now, there would be nothing in this story except the hairbreadth escape, of which there were thousands in that war, had not my host had a pretty daughter ten years my junior, between whom and me there sprang a case of love at first sight. I stayed in Richmond a long while, pretending to have business there, all the while attempting to smooth away Mr. Porcher's prejudice against me as having been a Union soldier. When at last I thought I had him in a more mollified condition I ventured to ask him for his daughter's hand. He heard me through with lowering brow, then said:

"I will give my consent on one condition. There is a man probably living whom I wish to kill—a miserable dirty little Yankee who was a prisoner in Libby in 1864. I was a member of the home guard and a sentinel at the prison when one day the impudent boy walked out of the door and ran away. I followed him. He not only gave me a wound in the shoulder from which I have suffered ever since, but I was dropped from the guard in derision." He was going on, getting more and more excited as he proceeded, when his daughter came in anxiously and stopped him. He ended by making it a condition of his consent to our union that I would promise to scour the north for that "dirty little mudsill" and give him a chance to shoot him.

I listened to this with astonishment. There had been something familiar about Mr. Porcher's face and figure, and I could not get over the idea that I had seen his somewhere As for me, I had grown whiskers and weighed fifty pounds more than when I was a prisoner. I was too much disconcerted to reply at once, but finally pulling myself together said:

"Mr. Porcher, I promise you solemnly that within six months after my marriage with your daughter I will produce the 'dirty little Yankee' you refer to. I have heard of this case and am sure I can oblige you."

The old man grasped my hand warmly and declared I was just the son-in-law he wanted.

Exactly six months after making the promise I redeemed it by taking myself to my father-in-law, with whom I had become a great favorite, and giving him permission to shoot me. He was [illegible] astonished to [illegible] self [illegible]ege.

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A Problem In Wizardry.

We want to know why persons who believe in wizards, or, at all events, consult wizards, nearly always prefer to believe in men or women who are of a race inferior to their own or in circumstances which prove that their occult powers are of no use to themselves. The rule is not invariable, for there have been great wizards like Paracelsus, Roger Bacon, Michael Scott and Cagliostro, who were acknowledged by those who consulted or feared them to be in all ways their superiors, but it is seldom broken. In all the letters on country superstitions which we have published the "wise" man or woman has always gypsy blood or some peculiarity of appearance marking out him or her unfavorably from their kind. The wizard of India is usually a naked savage, while those who resort to him are civilized beings clothed carefully in muslin. The reverence of the whites for the black obeah man or woman in the West Indies is the subject of countless narratives, especially in the French Islands.—London Spectator.

Solid Emery Wheels.

In the production of solid emery wheels the best cement that can be employed is one that binds the emery together with that degree of strength which will resist the centrifugal strain due to the high speed at which emery wheels cut best—about 5,000 feet speed per minute It must not soften by frictional heat or glaze or burst or become brittle and break with cold, nor must it hold the cutting grains until they are too dull to cut nor release them so readily as to waste away the wheel too fast. It must be capable of being thoroughly mixed evenly with the grain emery, so that the wheel may not have either hard or soft spots and be out of balance, and must also be capable of being tempered to suit different kinds of metal or work. Great care and skill are required in the matter of selecting only pure and strong chemicals for these cements.—Cassier's Magazine.

The Bald Head.

A bald head is a less familiar (and nowadays less true) representative of the unchangeable than the Ethiopian's skin or the leopard's spots, but it was cited in this character with impressive pathos by Hipparchus, one of the seven martyrs of Samosata. After they had been subjected to severe tortures they were at last confronted with seven crosses, and the Emperor Maximian offered them a last chance to recant. But the aged Hipparchus put his hand on his bald head and cried, "As this, according to the order of nature, cannot again be covered with hair, so never will I change or conform to your wish!" Maximian ordered a goat's skin to be nailed to Hipparchus' head and then jeeringly claimed that the condition was fulfilled But Hipparchus remained obdurate and speedily died on the cross. -London Chronicle.

He Was Absentminded.

The absentminded man is at it again. He had been reading the egg story and decided to try the trick. The first thing to do was to boil the egg. How many minutes? he asked himself, and, going to the stove with the egg in one hand and his watch in the other, he dropped the latter in the hot water. Then, placing the egg on the table, he sat down to read until the time was up. At the end of five or six minutes he was surprised to find the egg lying there before him, but, supposing that he had himself taken it from the kettle and cooled it, he proceeded to crack and peel it. The consequence may be imagined. Finally he missed his watch. The house was searched high and low, and it was not till the following morning that the cook found it in the kettle, where it had been boiling for hours.—Exchange.

Whales.

Whales, though they are mammals, are fitted to live like fishes in water. The true whales are of two kinds of families—the spermaceti whale, which has teeth in the lower jaw, and the whalebone whale, which has none. Of the first named there are two species, the cachalot and the sperm, which when full grown measures from seventy to eighty feet. The capture of this animal is attended with greater danger than that of the whalebone or Greenland whale on account of its formidable teeth.

His Preparation.

Bill Nye once told a story about a man who, after eight hours' work on a country daily, was fired for incompetency and then went on a lecture tour of the country on the subject of "Journalism."

ROMANCE OF A PRIVATEERSMAN

[Original.]

During the Revolutionary war, when privateering was largely practiced by the colonies, there lived in Philadelphia an old Quaker named Anthony Nutter. He was a widower and lived alone except for Edna Pattee, his ward. Edna was a relative of his dead wife and no blood relative of his. A fortune of some £3,000 was awaiting her when she came of age, and her guardian was keeping her out of the world, proposing to marry her and secure the money. When he was sixty and she seventeen he announced his plan to her, and, she demurring, he practically shut her up within the house and the garden. The latter was as safe as the former, for gardens in those days were surrounded by a high wall. Old Nutter's garden was filled with flowers, of which he was very fond, and there were several fruit trees. One—an apple tree—stood very near the wall.

Now it happened one September day that Clinton Rackle, a young privateersman, barely nineteen years old, seeing an apple hanging high on this tree, coveted it, and, being a sailor, found it easy to throw a rope over a projecting branch and climb to the top of the wall. Looking down into the garden he saw a vision of loveliness reclining in a hammock. The sailor lad appeared equally attractive to the girl. He was a handsome boy, and the brass button on his short jacket cut to the waist and his cocked hat were beautiful in her eyes. He apologized for his intrusion in a frank, engaging way, admitting he was after the apple and, plucking it, threw it down to her.

Romancers do not usually depict the birth of love with the lady munching an apple, but it was so in this case. The youth sat on the wall, his legs dangling, his hands under them in lieu of a cushion. Nutter was in the front of the house reading a newspaper.

Clinton Rackle did not remain very long on the wall, but quite long enough to get the girl's autobiography, the only interesting feature of which has been given. His ship was in port refitting, and he was living with his mother directly opposite Mr. Nutter's. He climbed the garden wall once more, then his ship sailed away, to return the following December with fat prizes Meanwhile Edna was protesting against her confinement and begging her guardian to give her amusement. He finally consented to take her to a ball in the town hall, it being expected that those attending would go in character. He gave her a monk's costume and made her promise to keep her cowl over her face. All this he thought would keep her from the attentions of men.

It happened that the ball came off the night of Rackle's return, and, standing on his mother's doorstep, he saw a bishop in full canonicals and a monk leave old Nutter's house. He followed them, saw them go into the town hall, where it was evident a ball was to take place, and, dressed in his simple privateer's uniform, purchased an admission and entered himself.

One glimpse of Edna's face she gave him assured him of her identity, and, sidling up to the bishop, he entered into conversation, addressing an occasional remark to the monk.

"Young sir," said the bishop, "why do you keep company with two men when there are so many pretty girls to be courted?"

"Indeed, sir," replied Rackle, "I'm no hand for the girls, preferring men's society. Your companion is a monk indeed. Why do you not send him off to the dancers?"

"He knows none of the girls to serve for a partner," replied the bishop.

"I will introduce him."

Nutter was ready to do anything to get rid of the boy, and since he was to introduce his ward to girls, surely no harm could come of it. So the sailor and the monk went skipping off to the thickest of the crowd, where they soon managed to get lost to the bishop's view. Nutter followed to regain sight of his ward and was just in time to see a sailor and a monk go downstairs to the street. Rushing out of the hall, he espied the pair skimming along ahead of him, but before he could catch them they had gone into the cottage of Rackle's mother, and the door was slammed and bolted in his face.

When a colonial house was closed to outsiders it could not be entered without a battering ram, for door and doorcase were of oak, and there were always bars within. Nutter banged for awhile, then went off to report the matter to the watch. Going to the watchhouse, he called upon them to come with him, declaring that a young monk of his acquaintance had been kidnaped. There was no love between the Quakers and the Catholics of those days, and the chief of the watch took his time before sending a man to help the bishop When an hour later the bishop and a watchman knocked at Mrs. Rackle's door and the watchman demanded the person of the monk, Clinton threw open the door and declared that there was no monk in the house. Edna stepped forth dressed in her own apparel—for she had only to throw off the frock—and Nutter claimed her. But she drew back.

"You brought me here," said the watch testily, "to recover a monk, and now you claim a woman. I shall go to my chief and report the matter."

"She is my ward," cried Nutter, "and under age."

"She may be under age," retorted Clinton, "but she is my wife." And he produced a marriage certificate.

Three months later the young wife came of age and got her fortune. The husband had a snug sum of prize money and, leaving the sea, set up in business. MINNIE B. CARTER.

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